Reunion 2010 marks 40th anniversary of the AMA Alumni Association!

In 1970 at the end of the school year, the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association was created. We will mark our 40th anniversary in April at Reunion 2010 in Fort Defiance and Staunton.

More athletes will enter the AMA Sports Hall of Fame

The AMA Sports Hall of Fame will induct its newest members on Saturday 25 April during a luncheon in Memorial Gym. The judges are even now going over the nominations which had to be submitted by 4 January. The next issue of *The Bayonet* will announce the honorees!

Casino Night is back!

The most popular event of the last few reunions has been Casino Night and it will be back in 2010 with more games and more prizes. And **YOU WILL NOT BE PLAYING AGAINST THE HOUSE!** The dealers want you to win! Save Saturday night for the thrill of Casino Night!

Staunton as you have never experienced it!

When you were a cadet at AMA, did you have any idea of all the history that is Staunton? Friday's trip this year will be by trolley! You'll be picked up at the Holiday Inn, given a guided tour of historic Staunton including a stop at President Woodrow Wilson's Birthplace and lunch in a private dining room at The Depot. When you send in your blue registration form, be sure to sign up for this enjoyable and memorable event! This is sure to be an event to be long remembered. You'll be back at your hotel in plenty of time for the Friday evening activities.

Register early and you'll save!

Be sure to send in the blue registration form right away to take advantage of the price break you get for early registration.

After 9 April, you'll pay more! So, please send in your registration form now!

22-25 April Reunion a week earlier than usual

The 2010 AMA Alumni Reunion is a week earlier than usual. The owners of the AMA campus had a conflict that caused us to move away from the last weekend in April to the week before. An Early Bird Reception kicks off the weekend Thursday 22 April at the Staunton Country Club while the main events of the weekend are on Friday and Saturday 23-24 April. The reunion will end with a brotherhood breakfast on Sunday 25 April. Return the BLUE registration form now!

We will conflict with Fishburne reunion

When we were forced to move our reunion date, it put us in conflict with Fishburne which has their alumni reunion the same weekend, so make your hotel reservations RIGHT AWAY! The Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton is the AMA Headquarters hotel. You can contact them at 540/248-6020.

Sporting options available

There will be options for those who want to spend some time with friends on the golf course Friday morning or shooting clays Saturday afternoon.

The 2010 AMA Open (no, Tiger couldn't make it) will be on Friday morning 23 April at the Ingleside Country Club. Practice times are available at Ingleside the day before.

If sporting clay shooting is your thing, that will take place Saturday afternoon following the events on our campus. The clay shoot will be at the Flying Rabbit near Harrisonburg at 3 PM.

Schedule for 2010 Augusta Military Academy Alumni Reunion

THURSDAY 22 APRIL

10 AM . . . . Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM . . . . . Early bird registration
Hospitality Room and PX open, Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM . . . . . Casual golf tee times
INGLESIDE Golf Club

3:30 - 5:00 PM . . . Hospitality Tent open,
Holiday Inn

5:00 - 7:00 PM . . . Early arrival cocktails
with heavy hors d'oeuvres
Attire: Business casual
STAUNTON Country Club

7:30 PM . . . . . Hospitality Tent reopens
Tower of Power opportunities

FRIDAY 23 APRIL

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM Registration, Holiday Inn

All day . . . . . Tower of Power

9:00 AM . . . Trolley tour of Staunton and
Woodrow Wilson's Birthplace
Luncheon in private dining room, The Depot
Meet in parking lot nearest the PX
at the Holiday Inn
Hosted by **Bev** and **Frank Williamson, `60**

8:30 AM . . . . . Golfers register, photos
INGLESIDE Country Club

9:00 AM . . . AMA Open Golf Tournament
INGLESIDE Country Club

Contact: **Paul Poluito, `73,**
cpp2q@virginia.edu
or Mickey Toms, `67,
cmtoms@earthlink.net

9:00 AM - 6:30PM . Hospitality Tent open,
PX open, Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . .
. . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

4:00 PM . . . . . Staunton tour returns

5:45 PM . AMA Reception, Hospitality Tent

6:30 PM . . . . . Registration room closes

7:00 PM . . . . . AMA Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms - *Attire: Coat and tie*
AMA Scholarship Awards,
AMA Alumni Medals, Special Presentations

SATURDAY 24 APRIL
Attire all day: Casual

7:30 AM . . . Light breakfast served in the
Annual Membership Meeting Room,
Jefferson Room, Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM . . . . . .
. . . Final registration outside meeting room

8:30 AM . . . Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM . . . . . .
. . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

All day . . . . . .
. . Display of the Intermont Military Vehicle Club

11:00 AM . . . . Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery honoring
Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.
Master of Ceremonies: **Luke Snyder, `60**
Speaker: To be announced
AMA Alumni Color Guard
AMA Honor Guard

Cummings Battery, Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by **Captain John Butler**

Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2009 will be remembered

Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble
conducted by **Margaret Helms**

Taps by **Bud Oakey, `70**

1l:35 AM . . . . . 40th anniversary of
AMA Alumni Association
In front of AMA Alumni House/Museun

Dedication of **Julian Quarles, `35**, Walk

Raising Camp Leatherneck Flag
from Afghanistan

Honoring departed Roller Society members
Master of Ceremonies: **Gordon Metz, `68**

12:15 PM . Soupy sounds, **Bud Oakey, `70**

Bagpiper **Eddie McClelland**,
son of **Bill McLelland, `60**, will lead
alumni and friends into lunch,
Memorial Gymnasium

Luncheon Emcee:
Jorge Rovirosa, `70
President,
AMA Alumni Association

Presentation of the Colors, AMA Color Guard:

Former Alumni Association
Presidents recognized

Remembering AMA: **Manuel Balbis, `53**

Induction into AMA Sports Hall of Fame
led by **Garry Granger, `71**,
and **Frank Williamson, `60**

White Table and Flag Ceremony
led by **Blaine Clarke, `72**
Taps: **Bud Oakey, `70**

Music by the Staunton Ovation
conducted by **Ray Hoaster**

Following lunch, please proceed
to the Parade Ground for a
Cannonade by Cumming's Battery,
Cape Fear Light Artillery

Alumni House/Museum open until 4:30 PM

3:00 PM . . . . . Hospitality tent reopens

3:00 PM . . . . . Sporting Clays Shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact: **Blaine Clarke, `72**
Blaine.Clarke@comcast. net

6:00 PM . . Open bar, Holiday Inn hallway
All proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation

Final hours for Silent Auction bids!

7:00 PM . . . . . **CASINO NIGHT**
COCKTAIL PARTY,
a FUNdraiser for the AMA Foundation with
heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks
Cash prizes! Free trips!
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM . . . . . Silent Auction closes

9:00 PM . . . . . Dessert Extravaganza!

9:00 PM . . . . . Silent Auction
winning bidders announced

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

9:00 AM . . . . . Alumni Fellowship Buffet
Coach Bill Ralph, Cafe on the Green,
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . .
. . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon . . . . . Roller Riders
depart from in front of Big Barracks

40th anniversary of AMA Alumni Association

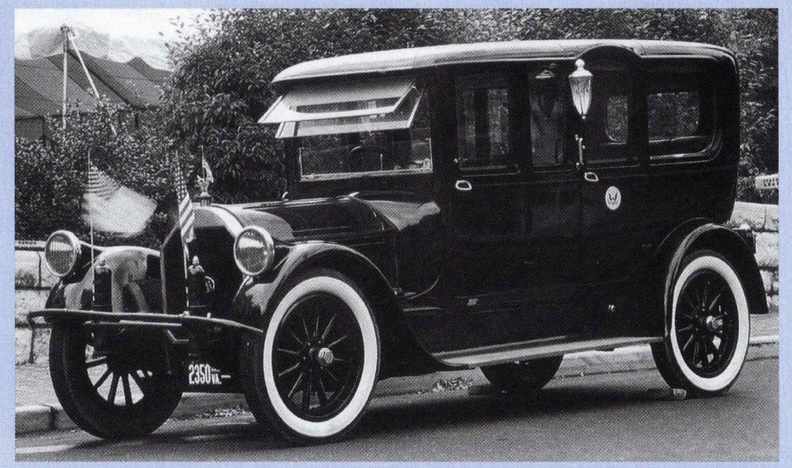
Reunion 2010 a week earlier than usual with Casino Night, Sports Hall of Fame and other alumni favorites

The 2010 Augusta Military Academy Alumni Reunion will be held 22-25 April in Fort Defiance and Staunton as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the AMA Alumni Association, a week earlier than usual. For the third year, alumni and faculty members will be inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. Casino Night will be back again, an event so much enjoyed these past few years! The Friday trip is a unique tour of historic Staunton, a town that few of us knew much about as cadets other than where the movies and fast food places were located. The tour will include a visit to President Woodrow Wilson's Birthplace, a guided trolley tour of the city and lunch in a private dining room at one of its best restaurants.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Awards Banquet and Alumni Medals will be presented. Founder's Day will be commemorated in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery while Roller Society members who have passed on will be remembered at the AMA Museum.

There will be a Silent Auction, the Tower of Power, golf, a sporting clay shoot, military equipment on display in front of Big Barracks and most of all – time to spend with your old and new AMA friends in the Springtime in the Shenandoah Valley!

For the price, you can't beat it! Send in the BLUE registration form today before the prices go up.



Woodrow Wilson's Presidential Limousine, a Pierce-Arrow, on display at the Wilson Birthplace in Staunton.

19 March is deadline to apply for an AMA Legacy Scholarship

Three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth $2,000, will be awarded at Reunion 2010. The deadline for applications to be postmarked is Friday 19 March. Winners will be notified well in advance of the reunion.

These scholarships are available for the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of AMA alumni 25 years old or less who are or will be enrolled in an educational institution beyond the high school level.

Applications can be obtained at the AMA web site at: AMAAlumni.org, or you can get the applications from the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Phone 540/248-3007 or write: Scholarship, AMA Alumni House, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100.

Silent Auction plans

Another Silent Auction is in the works for Reunion 2010, a unique opportunity to get some good "stuff" while helping the Alumni Foundation with its financial obligations.

Again this year, two sets of round-trip tickets on American Airlines will be available, donated by **Tom DelValle, `73**. You can also buy a stay at **Jorge Rovirosa's** vacation place on Key Largo or at the mountain vacation home of **Luke Snyder, `60**, and Anne.

If you are interested in donating some items of value to the 2010 Silent Auction, please contact the Auction Chairman, **Dave Conrad, `59**, at: gramof9@localnet.com.

The 2009 Silent Auction raised a record $7,000!

Old Glory that flew over Marines in Afghanistan will be raised at reunion

An American Flag which flew over Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan will be raised to the top of the flag pole at the AMA Museum during ceremonies at Reunion 2010.

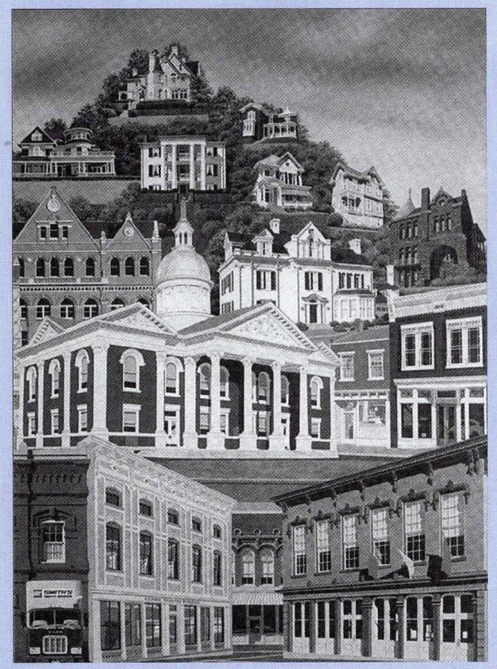
Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, `75**, gave the flag to **Tom DelValle, `73, when Tom flew to Afghanistan on an American Airlines flight which delivered steaks and cigars to Larry's troopers. Nicholson thanked Tom and all AMA alumni and friends who have been sending school supplies, soccer balls and other toys which the Marines in turn give to the local kids who have so very little.

A decorated veteran of another war, **Julian Quarles, `35**, will raise the flag at a noon Saturday ceremony. The walkway leading to the museum will be named "Quarles Walk" in honor of Julian's World War Two heroism and the 75th anniversary of his graduation from AMA.

Historic Staunton as you probably have never seen it!

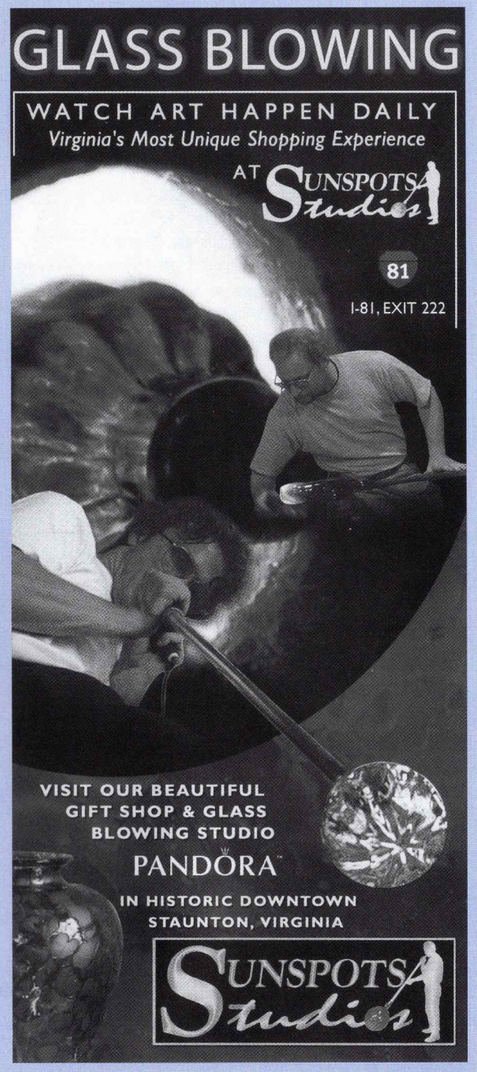
When we were cadets, going to Staunton was a big deal. When a day off came, off we went to see a movie at the Dixie or take a Stuart Hall girl out for a Coke. But most of us never thought about the history that was all around us.

Did you know that in 1781, the Virginia General Assembly met in the Augusta Parish Church in Staunton to evade British soldiers? Have you been to the house where President Woodrow Wilson was born which was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt? Did you know that Staunton played a pivital role during the Civil War when the Shenandoah Valley was the "Breadbasket of the Confederacy?"



Have you been to the Frontier Culture Museum or the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse? Did you know that Grandma Moses lived here and that P. Buckley Moss has her gallery nearby?

Staunton is a town of antique stores and art galleries, book stores and theater, entertainment and fine dining. The city is historic and "hip" with everything from rock music concerts to the stage at the Shakespeare theater. And when is the best time to visit? Why, on a Shenandoah Valley Spring day, of course!



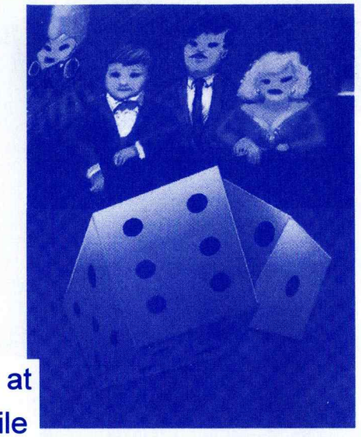
Frank Williamson, `60, and **Bev** plus local experienced guides will pick you up at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center at 9 AM on Friday 23 April and have you back by 4 PM. You will travel by trolley to see downtown Staunton, significant landmarks, the historic sites, art, theaters and educational institutions. You'll see Mary Baldwin College, Stuart Hall and where SMA used to be. The Wharf District, The Oaks and the Tiffany windows of Trinity Church.

And there will a special stop at Sunspots Studios where you will see glassblowing taking place during the annual Virginia Hot Glass Festival and you'll have time to shop for unique glass treasures at Sunspots. You'll see all this and more ***including lunch in a private dining room at The Depot.***

Be sure to sign up for the Friday tour of Staunton!

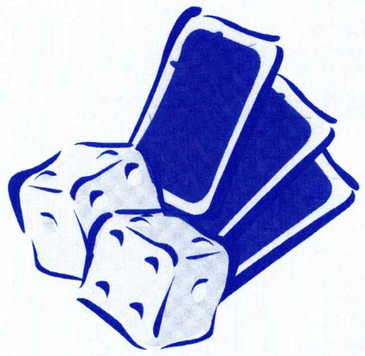
CASINO NIGHT
AND COCKTAIL PARTY

WITH HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES AND
A DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA!



A grand time has been had by all at the last three reunions at Casino Night. You can win some big bucks for yourself while helping AMA at the same time. It is a FUNdraising event with the accent on FUN!

ROULETTE,
TEXAS HOLD'EM,
BLACK JACK,
AND CRAPS!



PRIZES ALL EVENING LONG!

SINK A PUTT AND WIN

$10,000*

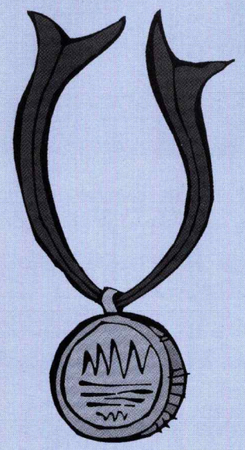
* $5,000 FOR YOU AND $5,000 FOR AMA!

REAL MONEY!
WIN $300!
$200! $100!
FOR THE MOST CHITS AT THE END OF THE EVENING
YOU'LL START THE NIGHT WITH
$10,000!

YOU WILL NOT BE PLAYING AGAINST THE HOUSE!

Saturday night at 7 PM

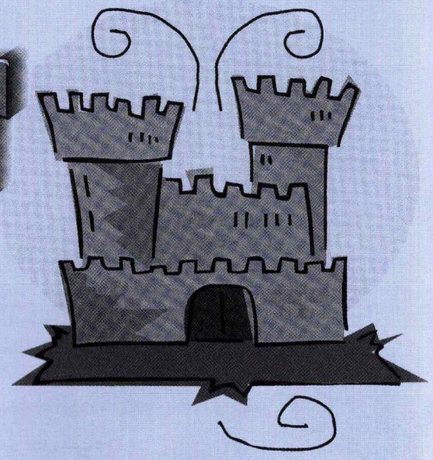
THE AMA ALUMNI MEDAL



Time to send in your nominations for the 2010 AMA Alumni Medal! The medal or medals will be awarded at Reunion 2010 to someone who has done something very special for AMA, either with one "big" effort or a series of smaller acts. Recipients need not be AMA alumni and they may have received a medal in the past. Who will you nominate for this highest of AMA honors? Submit your nomination to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net, or by mail to: AMA Medal, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance 24437.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010

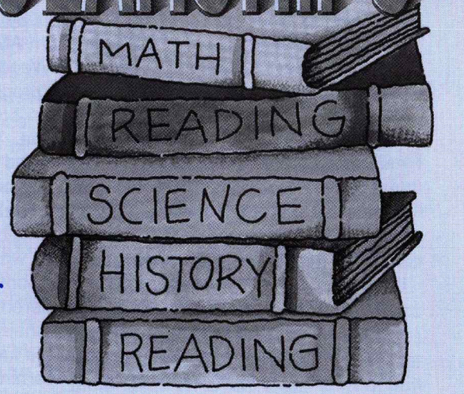
The Tower of Power



You will be able to win bottles of Virginia Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday during Reunion 2010! Tickets will be on sale at the Registration Desk and at other venues at the reunion. Prize drawings will take place Friday and Saturday evenings.
Be on the lookout for ticket salespersons. They will be on the lookout for you!

The entire purpose of Frank and Bev Williamson's TOWER OF POWER is to raise much needed funds for AMA. Be sure to buy your tickets and lots of them!

AMA LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS



Three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth $2,000, will be awarded at Reunion 2010 to direct descendants of AMA alumni (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren) who are 25 years of age or younger and who are enrolled or about to enroll in an educational institution above the high school level.

Applications can be obtained from the AMA Alumni House/Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. You can request an application from AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net. Or you can download a scholarship application from www.AMAAlumni.org

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 19 MARCH 2010

"At risk" award for the first time

For the first time, AMA will support a young man or men searching for a better life. Funded by N**orvell West, `83**, and his company and modeled on the Kids at Risk (KAR) program, this scholarship would go to a young man or men from the Augusta County area. Seven thousand dollars will be available in 2010 with a goal of $10,000 for 2011. One boy might be supported for multiple years. AMA is working with area social services and local educators in making selections for this **ROLLER SCHOLARSHIP.**

If you know of a young man in the Augusta County area who needs a better chance at success, please let us know. More details on the next page.

Made possible with gift from Norvell West, `83

New Roller Scholarship to help area boys at risk

A young male from Virginia between age 12 and 17 who is at risk of becoming a delinquent can receive a new Roller Scholarship which is being underwritten by the loyalty of a cadet from the last class to graduate from AMA.

Norvell West, `83, and his company Woodward, West and Parks, have contributed $7,000 for the program's first year. The scholarships will be principally for boys who live in Augusta County and its surrounding area. The young man must have the awareness that he is "in need" and must have researched how AMA's help will assist him as he overcomes the issues which are limiting his future. **Blaine Clarke, `72**, took the lead on creating the criteria for eligibility.

Those who know of a young man who would benefit from the Roller Scholarship are invited to submit his name for consideration. Applications will be considered by independent judges who will then recommend to the Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation who should receive the funds. The money will be paid directly to an institution of learning.

The applicant's sponsor should make contact with the Court to help determine the youth's sincerity. The sponsors include clergy, law enforcement officials, educators, social workers and parents. The sponsor should maintain contact with AMA for updates on the young man's progress once he receives a scholarship. The recipient of funds must demonstrate through his application and recommendations that he is aware of the need for a change in his life, can articulate why the program will benefit him and can list at least three goals he can achieve if he gets the help provided by the scholarship. In that regard, the applicant will be required to submit a two page double spaced essay directed to these three concerns.

More than one boy can receive assistance in a given year if the Foundation and Scholarship Chairmen so deem.

The deadline for making application for a 2010 scholarship is 19 March 2010. Applications should be mailed to Roller Scholarship, AMA Alumni Foundation, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. The first *Bayonet* of 2010 will carry the complete criteria for the scholarships. If the program can be implemented in time, the scholarship recipient or recipients will be introduced at the reunion in April.

Come to the reunion in new AMA garb available from the PX

You can go to AMA's web site – www.AMAAlumni.com – to see new items now available from the AMA PX. And you can order those items on eBay and pay with PayPal, two innovations introduced by new PX Chairman **Jim Atchison, `73**.

"We have some brand new items and are closing out many of the old ones," Jim says. *"I invite all our friends to go to our web site to view the things now for sale at the AMA PX."*

CHECK OUT the ama website: www.AMAAlumni.org

A list of hotels for Reunion 2010

Don't be disappointed! Fishburne has their reunion the same weekend that we do. Make your reservation now!

Reunion Headquarters Hotel
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
Newly redecorated in 2009! $89.99 a night*
Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275
152 Fairway Lane, Staunton – 540/248-6020

Days Inn Business Place Hotel
Exit 225 off I-81
$50.96 a night*
540/248-0888

Quality Inn
Exit 225 off I-81
$61 per night*
540/248-5111

Best Western
Exit 222 off I-81
92 Rowe Street, Staunton
(4 miles from Holiday Inn)
$79 per night*
540/885-1112 or 1/800/752-9471

Sleep Inn
Exit 222 off I-81
222 Jefferson Highway, Staunton
(4 miles from Holiday Inn)
$79 per night*
540/887-6500

Econo Lodge
Exit 222 off I-81
1031 Richmond Road, Staunton
$59.99 per night*
$54.99 each for double*
540/885-5158

Hampton Inn
Exit 220 off I-81
40 Payne Lane, Staunton
(5 miles from Holiday Inn)
$109 per night*
540/886-7000

Hampton Inn
Exit 91 off I-64
15 Four Square Lane, Fishersville
(9 miles from Holiday Inn)
$102 per night*
540/213-9500

Residence Inn by Marriott
Exit 94 off I-64
44 Windigrove Drive, Waynesboro
(12 miles from Holiday Inn)
$109 per night*
540/943-7426

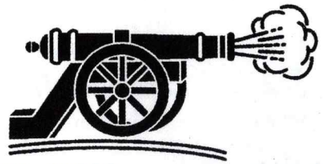
* plus tax

The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel or motel reservations! Reserve your room now!

Bagpiper to lead lunch goers

The son of an AMA alumnus, decked out in the traditional kilt, will lead alumni and friends into Memorial Gym for the Saturday lunch at Reunion 2010.

Eddie McLelland, son of **Bob McLelland, `60**, will pipe in the crowd assembled in front of the AMA Alumni House/ Museum for ceremonies there noting the 40th anniversary of the AMA Alumni Association, honoring Roller Society members and dedicating the walkway leading to the museum to **Julian Quarles, `35**.



Civil War cannon to fire at 2010 reunion

Captain John Butler will command a Civil War cannonade on the Parade Grounds after the Saturday lunch during Reunion 2010. Captain Butler is from Cummings Battery of the Cape Fear Light Artillery. He has brought the weapon and its crew to the past several reunions and has saluted the honored dead in the Stone Church Ceremony during Founder's Day ceremonies.

The cannon will thunder and guests at the reunion may be invited to pull the lanyard setting off the mighty shots. The cannon will also fire a salute to departed AMA men in the Stone Church Cemetery at Founder's Day ceremonies.

Sporting clay shoot set at the reunion

The annual AMA Reunion Sporting Clay Shoot will take place on Saturday afternoon 24 April after all the activities on the campus are ended.

Blaine Clarke, `72, is planning the shoot again this year. *"We need at least four shooters to reserve space,"* he says. The event will be held at the Flying Rabbit near Harrisonburg at about 3 PM on Saturday. You can bring your own weapon or the Flying Rabbit will provide one for you.

If you want to participate, notify Blaine at Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net or you can call him at 301/540-6455.

We need your up-to-date e-mail address

An AMA Museum Newsletter is being put on line periodically and we need to be sure we have your correct e-mail address so that you can receive it. The newsletter will report on things happening in Fort Defiance with information you likely do not know. It will cover alumni events and report on doings at the museum.

Please contact us to confirm YOUR e-mail address at OUR e-mail address: bj@webmaster.com.

The Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble back for '10 Founder's Day

The Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble, conducted by **Margaret Helms**, will return to play at the Founder's Day ceremonies Saturday morning in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery. The Stonewall Brigade Band from Staunton is the oldest community band sponsored by local government and funded, in part, by tax monies.

The band was formed in 1855 as the Mountain Saxhorn Band and will have performed continually for 155 years at the time of our April reunion. At the outbreak of the Civil War, all local bands were marched off with the local battalions and the Saxhorn Band was mustered into General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's First Brigade.

After the Civil War, the unit took the name Stonewall Brigade Band and played for eight American Presidents - Fillmore, Pierce, Grant, Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley, Taft and Woodrow Wilson who was born in Staunton.

AMA's **Major Martin Manch** was first affiliated with the band in 1914 and served as its director several times. Manch taught German and music at AMA and directed the AMA Band. His son, **Jack Manch, `38**, took part in the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo in World War Two.

Staunton Ovation will sing at reunion

The Staunton Ovation, under the direction of **Ray Hoaster**, will return to the AMA campus for the Saturday events at Reunion 2010.

The Ovation Singers were organized by Ray and his wife Carolyn in 1985 and will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2010.

The singers have presented programs from Bach to Broadway and for the past two decades have presented the Christmas Eve concert at The Homestead.

50-50 to make money for YOU and for AMA

The last three years, the 50/50 game has provided lots of excitement and has delivered several hundred dollars at each reunion to some lucky person and to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

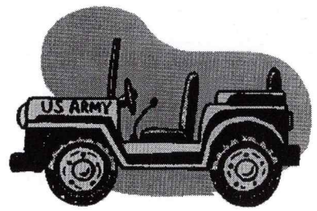
Five dollar bills are deposited in a can with the name of the contributor written on each bill. Near the end of Casino Night, a bill will be drawn from the can. The person whose name is on the bill will get half of whatever amount is in the can – and AMA will get the other half – A Win/Win.

It's lots of fun and gets more exciting as the evening progresses and the number of bills in the car increases. It is an exciting moment when the winning bill is drawn. And don't worry – we will have plenty of five dollar bills available!

Military display will be on the blacktop

Once again, there will be a display of military equipment on the blacktop in front of Big Barracks during the reunion.

Marc Mehler from New Hope near Staunton will present the display which reunion goers can examine on Friday and Saturday. Be sure to thank Mark personally at the reunion. He has seen to it that we had a display in each of the last half dozen years.



A reminder! Make a hotel reservation for the reunion right away. We are concerned because Fishburne and some other institutions have events in the Fort Defiance/Staunton area the weekend of 22-25 April. Hotel rooms may be hard to find if you wait!

Past Alumni Presidents are invited to reunion

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the AMA Alumni Association at Reunion 2010, we are hoping that all the surviving Presidents of the alumni association will be on hand to receive a thankful salute.

The first president elected to head the fledgling organization was **Parker Ward, `54**. The plans were to put in place an active alumni association after a June 1970 meeting in Fort Defiance. Unfortunately, just four months later, Parker was killed when the plane carrying the Marshall University football team back home from a game crashed into a West Virginia mountainside.

Parker was succeeded by the late **Mickey Gordon, `39**, who was a leading force in alumni activities until his death in January of 2002. Listed below are the past presidents. We sincerely hope that everyone on this list who is still with us will be on hand as we celebrate two score years of constant striving and excellent results.

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Parker Ward, '54, 1970-71 *
Mickey Gordon, '39, 1971-74 *
Seymour Wilks, '48, 1974-76 *
V. P. Leavel, '39, 1976-78 *
Paul Long, '51, 1978-80 *
Duke Fancher, '58, 1980-81
Dave Conrad, '59, 1981-82
Gordon Metz, '68, 1982-84
Ron Mahanes, '53, 1984-86 *
Stephen Rodgers, '57, 1986-88 *
William Gray, '37, 1988-89 *
Richard Llewellyn, '58, 1989-91 *
Edwin Click, '50, 1991-92
Tommy Simmons, '53, 1992-93
Gary Nicholson, '70, 1993-97 *
Goodloe Saunders, '57, 1997-2001
Garry Granger, '71, 2001-09
Jorge Rovirosa, '70, 2009-present

*** Deceased***

Fishburne? Maybe... As we went to press, there was a chance that a contingent of Fishburne cadets might perform on our Parade Ground after lunch on Reunion Saturday. The date of our reunion and Fishburne's conflicts this year and so it has been difficult for FMS to free up their cadets to attend our reunion.

Firestone exec Balbis to speak at luncheon

Manuel Balbis, `53, the former President of Firestone Argentina, will make personal comments about what AMA has meant to him throughout his life with the emphasis on those who influenced him as AMA teachers. He'll speak at the Saturday luncheon.

After AMA, Balbis got a chemical engineering degree from Villanova and later, an MBA from Central Michigan University. He went to work for Firestone in Havana as a junior engineer and later worked for the tire giant in Akron, Ohio, France, the UK, and Rome and was Manager of Sales in Detroit before he was assigned to head Firestone Argentina.

At AMA, Manuel was on the Honor Committee, in the Roller Rifles, a varsity wrestler, was Treasurer of the Student Body and elected to Ad Astra.

Normandy Cemetery video featuring LTC Hubert Mathews, '27, will be shown at the Awards Banquet

Visitors to the American Cemetery at Normandy, France are shown a video which traces the lives and deaths of five American soldiers who were killed on D-Day. One of the five is **LTC Hubert Mathews, `27**, the highest ranking 1st Division officer to die in the invasion. He was also the highest ranking of 53 AMA men who died in World War II.

At the Friday Awards Dinner during Reunion 2010, the part of the video pertaining to Colonel Mathews will be shown. We are hoping that his two daughters will be able to join us for the dinner so we can thank them for their father's heroism.

Marjorie Mathews Reissig lives in Fredericksburg and Barbara Mathews Whitehead lives in Austin, Texas. Mrs. Reissig, her daughter and her husband – a Navy commander – plus their two children attended Reunion 2002 when high honor was paid to those Augusta men who gave their lives in the Second World War for the sake of freedom.

Scholarship winner will recount its benefits

Victoria Rovirosa Gauthier, the daughter of **Kiki** and **Jorge Rovirosa, `70**, will speak at the Friday Banquet during Reunion 2010 giving testimony on the value of the AMA Legacy Scholarship she earned. Vicki is a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Georgia and has BA degrees both in journalism and speech communication.

She worked in an Atlanta ad agency before becoming senior account executive for Universal Orlando Resort for two years. She currently is employed at American Medical Systems doing field marketing and patient outreach with private practice physicians, hospitals and teaching institutions.

Thanks to her husband, Brian, who has allowed her to come speak to us on their 6th wedding anniversary!

Roller Society members to be honored at reunion

As we went to press, two Roller Society members had passed away since Reunion 2009 and they will be honored by having laser inscribed bricks added to the Roller Society Paver Garden in front of the museum.

Bob Spilman, `45, and **Dolores Toombs**, **Garry Granger**'s mother were members of the Roller Society. As the names are read on Saturday at noon outside the AMA Museum, the old school bell will toll once for each name and Taps will sound.

The Staunton Ovation will offer a musical salute to the honorees.

The Roller Society is an organization whose members promise to leave something to AMA when they have passed away.

Julian Quarles honored

On the 75th anniversary of his graduation from AMA, **Julian Quarles, `35**, will have the walkway leading to the Alumni House/Museum named for him. "Quarles Walk" honors Julian for his 75th anniversary, for being a loyal alumnus and for his service to our country in World War II where he earned the Silver Star and endured a short time as a POW before he escaped and made it back to American lines.

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